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A Note for Our Students

Current affairs form core component of General Knowledge section in almost all the competitive exams. Observing the recent trends, questions from current affairs has successively increased. But how to find out relevant current affairs from vast data available on numerous websites, apps and videos??

How to efficiently prepare current affairs keeping in mind relevance of the exam??

Don't worry!!

We have the solution; Gyanm team will segregate the important and the most relevant current affairs under heading 'Gyanm recommendations' so that you can prepare this crucial component with complete efficiency!!

So let's begin!!

Gyanm Recommendations!

1. December 7: Armed Forces Flag Day



Observed throughout the country since 1949 to honour the martyrs and the men in uniform who valiantly fought and continue to fight on our borders to safeguard the country's honour. Flag Day brings to the forefront our commitment to looking after our war disabled soldiers, valiant women and the families of martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the country.

It is an opportunity for collecting funds that can be used for the welfare of ex-servicemen. In India, there are more than 26 lakhs Armed Forces pensioners/family pensioners and approximately 55,000 pensioners are added every year owing to the superannuation.

2. December 7: International Civil Aviation Day



This day is celebrated worldwide every year to reinforce awareness of the role and importance of the International Civil Aviation Organisation in air travel across the globe. The ICAO based in Montreal, Canada, is an autonomous UN Body accountable for monitoring the safety standards of international aviation. The ICAO council has decided to follow one theme for five years, till 2023, as “Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development”.

3. RBI maintains Repo Rate at 6.5%

In its latest monetary review meeting on Dec 08, the Reserve Bank kept the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5 percent. The Monetary Policy Committee unanimously decided to keep the key rates unchanged. This is for the fifth time in a row that the MPC has maintained the status quo. The MPC attributed declining inflation as the reason behind maintaining the status quo in the policy stance.

4. Gujarati Garba dance gets into UNESCO list



Garba, a very popular traditional dance of Gujarat has been included in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. This decision was taken on Dec 6 at the Botswana convention of UNESCO at Kasane, Botswana. Garba of Gujarat is the 15th item from India to join this list.

Garba is celebrated for nine days during the festival of Sharad Navaratri. The festival is dedicated to the worship of Goddess Durga as a symbol of the feminine energy or 'Shakti'. Besides Navratri, this joyful folk dance is performed on almost every special occasion in Gujarat as a sacred tradition.

5. IBM releases super fast quantum chip

USA based tech giant IBM unveiled on Dec 4 its first quantum computer chip with more than 1,000 qubits. Called Condor, the new quantum computing chip has 1,121 superconducting qubits arranged in a honeycomb pattern.

Quantum chips power quantum computers that are used to perform certain computations that classical computers cannot. These chips can easily handle problems that supercomputers are believed to take hundreds or thousands of years to solve.

A qubit (quantum bit) is any bit made out of a quantum system, like an electron or photon. Qubits are fundamentally different from classic digital bits and much more powerful too. For example, it would take a classical computer millions of years to find the prime factors of a 2,048-bit number, while Qubits could perform the same calculation in just minutes.

6. Lionel Messi: Argentina's football icon was named Time magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023. 36 year old Messi plays for both, Team Argentina and the Inter Miami CF of USA. Winner of record eight Ballon d'Or awards, he is regarded as one of the greatest footballers of all time.



7. Gemini- Next level AI model from Google

Google parent company Alphabet unveiled 'Gemini' on Dec 6, its latest and most advanced AI model to date. Gemini is an AI model trained to behave in human-like ways that might intensify the debate about the technology's potential promise and perils.

Gemini sets itself apart by being "multimodal," demonstrating the ability to comprehend and process concurrently diverse types of information such as text, code, audio, images, and videos

8. Taylor Swift: 34 year old American pop singer has been named “Time Magazine’s Person of the Year” for 2023. Winner of 12 Grammy and several other awards, she is one of the most popular and the richest singers. Beyond the accolades and financial success, Swift’s ability to connect with audiences on a global scale showcases the enduring power of her artistry.



Her recent tour ‘Eras’ has set a new benchmark in the music industry by becoming the first tour to surpass the billion-dollar mark in gross ticket sales and is projected to reach two billion dollar mark.

9. Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University

The Lok Sabha passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 on Dec 7. The Bill seeks to establish a Central Tribal University in Telangana. The university will be named after the legendary mother-daughter duo of the local tribal Goddesses Sammakka and Sarakka as the “Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University”. It will provide avenues of higher education and research facilities primarily for the tribal population of India.

Even today, one of the largest tribal fairs is held annually devoted to Sammakka and Sarakka in the Medaram village in Warangal district of Telangana, attracting a crowd of approximately one crore devotees.

10. UNICEF and India launch "Green Rising"



UNICEF's Generation Unlimited, in collaboration with India's Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change unveiled on Dec 8 a global initiative named "Green Rising" at COP28 in Dubai. The initiative along with a diverse network of public, private, and youth partners, aims to mobilise millions of young people worldwide, encouraging their active participation in green initiatives addressing and adapting to the severe impacts of climate change on their communities.

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Some Mother Minor News!

1. Nikhil Dey, an Indian social activist, has been named as the International Anti-Corruption Champion by the US State Department. He has been acknowledged for his noteworthy support of social movements that oppose corruption in government welfare programs in India. Dey's efforts as a co-founder of Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) contributed to anti-corruption and transparency reforms in Rajasthan, India



2. Global Ratings agency S&P has projected that India will be the world's third-largest economy by 2030, but a major test for the country would be to unlock the 'immense opportunity' and become the next big global manufacturing hub.

3. Volcano Mount Merapi, located in West Sumatra, recently erupted, leading to a tragic incident resulting in the loss of lives and the disappearance of several climbers. The eruption occurred on December 3, 2023, catching many by surprise as authorities scrambled to evacuate those in the vicinity.... Read more at: <https://www.bankersadda.com/current-affairs-07-december-2023/>

4. India became a member of the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Consortium, an initiative led by The Global Leadership Council (GLC) of the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP). As part of this collaborative effort, India stands among the pioneering nations committed to securing 5 Gw of BESS commitments by the conclusion of 2024.



Multiple Choice Questions!

1. India celebrates December 7 as the Armed Forces Flag Day to commemorate victory of Indian forces in which of the following?
 - a. 1965 Indo-Pak War
 - b. 1962 Indo-China War
 - c. 1947 Kashmir war
 - d. 1971 Indo pak War
 - e. None of these

2. Which traditional dance form of India has been included in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO on Dec 6?
 - a. Bihu
 - b. Jatra
 - c. Chhau
 - d. Garba
 - e. Bhangra

3. What is the name of the largest ever computer chip with 1,121 superconducting qubits, unveiled on Dec 4 by the US based tech giant IBM?
 - a. Condor
 - b. Quixot
 - c. Aruba
 - d. Nontro
 - e. None of these

4. Who has been named as the Time magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023?
 - a. Novak Djokovic
 - b. Max Verstappen
 - c. Cristiano Ronaldo
 - d. Lionel Messi
 - e. None of these

5. What is the name of the latest and most advanced AI model unveiled on Dec 6 by Google parent company Alphabet?
 - a. Donut
 - b. Lexio
 - c. Gemini
 - d. Bard-Z
 - e. SupreX

6. Who has been named "Time Magazine's Person of the Year" for 2023?
 - a. Lionel Messi
 - b. Taylor Swift
 - c. V. Zelensky
 - d. Rishi Sunak
 - e. None of these

7. The Lok Sabha passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 on Dec 7 aimed at setting up the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in _____ state?
- a. Odisha
 - b. Chhattisgarh
 - c. Madhya Pradesh
 - d. Jharkhand
 - e. Telangana

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	E
2	D
3	A
4	D
5	C
6	B
7	E

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